

# NEW TESTAMENT

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**NTST500** (3)  
*Interpreting the New Testament*  
An introduction to the literature and interpretation of the New Testament. Available only to students who lack New Testament Survey (or equivalent) in their undergraduate studies.

**NTST606** (3-4)  
*Formation and History of the New Testament*  
Development and history of the New Testament canon and/or its text, English translation, and publication. Topic announced in advance. Repeatable.

**NTST677** (3-4)  
*Seminar in New Testament Issues*  
Topics announced in the Class Schedule. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

## EXEGESIS

Passing the Greek qualifying examination at the intermediate level is a prerequisite for enrolling in New Testament exegesis courses except NTST550.

**NTST550** (3-4)  
*Exegesis of the English New Testament*  
Topics identical to NTST600-level exegesis courses (except NTST678). The same subject cannot be repeated on both levels. Does not presuppose Greek proficiency nor count toward MDiv core requirements or emphases, nor the MA major in New Testament. Repeatable with a different subject area.

**NTST605** (3-4)  
*Gospels*  
The Gospel(s) to be studied are announced in advance. Repeatable.

**NTST609** (3-4)  
*Pauline Writings*  
The letter(s) of Paul to be studied are announced in advance. Repeatable.

**NTST643** (3-4)  
*General Epistles*  
The epistle(s) chosen from among James, 1 Peter, 2 Peter, Jude, and 1-3 John announced in advance. Repeatable.

**NTST645** (3-4)  
*Hebrews*

**NTST646** (3-4)  
*Studies in New Testament Exegesis*  
Studies in hermeneutical principles and procedures requisite to NT interpretation and/or in various sections or themes of the New Testament. Repeatable.

**NTST660** (3-4)  
*The Acts of the Apostles*

**NTST675** (3-4)  
*The Book of Revelation*

**NTST678** (3-4)  
*Seminar in Greek Exegesis*  
Particular books or passages to be exegeted are announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

**NTST940** (4)  
*Seminar in New Testament Exegesis and Hermeneutics*  
Exegesis in New Testament books or passages and/or studies in particular topics such as the history of New Testament exegesis and hermeneutics. Repeatable.

## THEOLOGY

**NTST616** (3-4)  
*Theology of Luke-Acts*

**NTST630** (3-4)  
*Theology of the Synoptic Gospels*

**NTST634** (3-4)  
*Theology of the Pauline Epistles*

**NTST641** (3-4)  
*Theology of the Johannine Writings*

**NTST657** (3-4)  
*Theology of Hebrews*

**NTST659** (3-4)  
*Theology of the Book of Revelation*

**NTST667** (3-4)  
*Studies in New Testament Theology*  
A study of selected themes in New Testament theology or of the structure of New Testament theology as a whole. Topics announced in advance. Repeatable.

**NTST668** (3-4)  
*New Testament Ethics*  
A study of the ethical teachings of the New Testament, their relation to New Testament theology, and their implications for contemporary Christian living.

**NTST676** (3-4)  
*Jesus Christ*  
Advanced studies in the person and proclamation of Jesus and the ways Jesus has been understood in various, significant 'lives' of Jesus, including current Jewish assessments. Seeks to give a biblical answer to Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?"

**NTST679** (3-4)  
*Seminar in New Testament Theology and Ethics*  
An examination of one or more major theological or ethical themes of the New Testament. Particu-

lar themes announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

**NTST945** (4)  
*Seminar in Biblical Theology*

Major theological themes and thought patterns of the Bible with special attention to such subjects as the unity of the Bible, the relation between the testaments, and biblical authority. Identical to OTST945.

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND CHRISTIAN ORIGIN

**NTST615** (3-4)  
*New Testament Archaeology*  
A study of the archaeological evidence that contributes to a better understanding of the political, religious, and cultural context in which the New Testament was written.

**NTST626** (3-4)  
*Seminar in Classical Jewish Literature*  
Reading in classical religious texts of Judaism. Sources include liturgical, Hellenistic, Rabbinic, and medieval texts. Required languages vary according to the subject matter. Repeatable. Identical to OTST626.

**NTST635** (3-4)  
*Intertestamental Period*  
The political, cultural, and religious history of the Near East as it relates to the Jews from Alexander the Great to the destruction of Jerusalem.

**NTST654** (3-4)  
*The New Testament and Christian Origins*  
A study of the line of development from the writings and communities of the New Testament to the literature and movements of the post-apostolic period.

**NTST680** (3-4)  
*Greco-Roman World*  
Aspects of the culture, history, and religion of the Greco-Roman world bearing on New Testament interpretation.

**NTST684** (3-4)  
*Judaism and the New Testament*  
A study of the Jewish background of the New Testament, including the contemporary history, culture, religion, and literature.

**NTST689** (3-4)  
*Seminar in New Testament Backgrounds and Christian Origins*  
Particular topics announced in advance. Repeatable. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

## LANGUAGES

**NTST551** (3)  
*Beginning Greek*  
An introduction to the grammar and syntax of New Testament Greek for students without a working knowledge of the language. Not credited toward the MDiv degree, but must be counted as 3 credits in course load.

**NTST552** (3-4)  
*Intermediate Greek*  
Completes the coverage of grammar and syntax

and includes extensive reading in the Greek New Testament. Prerequisite: NTST551 or equivalent.

**NTST608** (3-4)  
**Advanced Greek Grammar and Syntax**  
An intense and rigorous course to give students high proficiency in the Koine Greek of the New Testament and cognate literature. It presupposes a knowledge of vocabulary and paradigms equivalent to that attained by successfully completing NTST552.

**NTST618** (3-4)  
**Syriac**  
Basic elements of grammar and syntax with a practical vocabulary; attaining proficiency in reading to enable continued independent study; comparisons with Hebrew for a better understanding of biblical Hebrew in its Semitic setting. Repeatable.

**NTST665** (3-4)  
**Coptic**  
Basic elements of Coptic grammar and syntax, readings in the Coptic New Testament and other Coptic literature.

**NTST696** (3-4)  
**Seminar in Hellenistic Greek**  
Selected readings in and analysis of various sources such as the Greek New Testament, Septuagint, papyri, Josephus, Philo, Apostolic Fathers, or related texts. Admission for non-doctoral students by permission of professor.

## INDIVIDUAL STUDIES

**NTST690** (1-4)  
**Independent Study**  
Research on an individual basis dealing with problems in the field of the New Testament. Open only to students who have completed basic courses in New Testament. Repeatable. See general guidelines under *Academic Information*.

**NTST890** (1-8)  
**Directed Reading in New Testament Studies**  
Independent reading in selected subjects. Repeatable.

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**OTST500** (3)  
**Survey of the Old Testament**  
An introductory survey of the history, literature, and backgrounds of the Old Testament for students who have not had such a course on the college level.

**OTST570** (3-4)  
**Readings in the Old Testament (English)**  
Covers selected books/passages of the Old Testament, based primarily on the English text with reference to the Hebrew/Aramaic original, normally offered off campus for the MA Min. students and others who have not taken Hebrew. Not applicable for MDiv credit. Repeatable.

**OTST607** (3-4)  
**Preaching from the Old Testament**  
An advanced preaching course focusing on the analysis of the types of Old Testament literature and special themes found in selected passages. Identical to CHMN607.

**OTST640** (3-4)  
**The Old Testament and Its Translations**  
A non-technical survey of the text transmission from antiquity to the present. The terminology and particularities of recent Hebrew Bible editions. Examination in various modern translations of Old Testament passages of textual and theological interest.

**OTST659** (3-4)  
**Studies in Old Testament Issues**  
A study of selected issues such as the formation of the Old Testament canon, questions of introduction, historicity of Genesis 1-11, Messianism, and Old Testament eschatology. Repeatable.

**OTST820** (4)  
**Textual Criticism**  
Detailed comparative textual examination of challenging Old Testament passages involving the ancient versions and Qumran, using both text editions and manuscripts. Repeatable. Prerequisites: OTST654, OTST660, additional languages as needed. Admission by permission of instructor.

## THEOLOGY

**OTST520** (3-4)  
**Theology of the Old Testament**  
Introduction of Old Testament theology. Distinctive theological concepts of selected books and

major theological themes of the whole Old Testament from the perspective of Christian faith.  
**OTST620** (3-4)  
**Seminar in Old Testament Theology**  
Selected aspects of Old Testament theology, such as the nature and function of Old Testament theology, the method of Old Testament theology, and the development of major theological themes. Repeatable.

**OTST627** (3-4)  
**Jewish Life and Thought**  
An introduction to Jewish beliefs and theology, liturgy and festivals, and thinking and philosophy as they illuminate approaches to the Bible and Hebrew customs.

**OTST835** (4)  
**Theology of the Hebrew Scriptures**  
The theology of an individual book or block of books in 1 of the 3 divisions of the Hebrew canon: Torah (Pentateuch), Prophets, and Writings. Content announced in advance. Repeatable.

**OTST845** (4)  
**Methodology in Biblical Theology**  
The development of biblical theology from the Reformation to the present with special attention to current methodologies.

**OTST945** (4)  
**Seminar in Biblical Theology**  
Major theological themes and thought patterns of the Bible with special attention to such subjects as the unity of the Bible, the relation between the Testaments, and Biblical authority. Identical to NTST945.

## HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

**OTST510** (3-4)  
**Archaeology and the Bible**  
The assembling of archaeological and ancient textual material which, interpreted from the philosophical viewpoint of the Bible, emphasizes the accuracy and authenticity of the Scriptures. A study of cultures, customs, languages, and rituals that throw light on the statements of God's Word.

**OTST514** (3-4)  
**Bible Lands and Their Explorations**  
Countries of the Bible and archaeological explorations carried out in them during the past 150 years; the geographical setting of Bible history; the background, rise, and progress of biblical archaeology; methods employed by archaeologists in using material excavated and found in the Near East.

**OTST604** (3-4)  
**History of the Ancient Near East**  
An introduction to the history of the Ancient Near East up to the time of Alexander the Great. Topics alternate between the history of Egypt and the history of Mesopotamia. Emphasis on the intersection with biblical history. Students may take each topic once.

**OTST605** (3-4)  
**Seminar in Old Testament History**  
Individual research on specific problems for advanced students in Old Testament history. Prerequisite: OTST635 or OTST604 or equivalent. Repeatable.